

Remarks

Indefiniteness Rejection

Claims 9 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph for referring to two variable angles as “true length” in an axial plane because angles are not customarily thought of as having length. Claim 9 has been amended to refer to the angles more conventionally as “true size” in the axial plane, which is the clear intention of the original expression.

Obviousness Rejection

Claims 19, 20, and 26 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as obvious over US Patent No. 6,462,815 to Drabarek et al. These three claims have all been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 21–25 and 27–30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but are deemed allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 21 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of independent claim 19 and intervening dependent claim 20. Claims 22–25 all depend directly or indirectly from rewritten independent claim 21. Claim 27 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of independent claim 19 and intervening dependent claim 26. Claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of independent claim 19 from which it originally depended. Claims 29 and 30 depend directly or indirectly from rewritten independent claim 28.

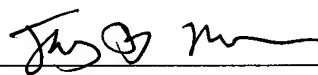
The Examiner is thanked for the careful consideration given to the claims.

Although the total claims have been reduced, two additional independent claims are now pending. A separate authorization to charge Deposit Account 03-3875 for the excess claims fee is included with this Amendment.

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Applicants have adopted all of the Examiner's suggestions for placing this application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all remaining pending claims 1-18, 21-25, and 27-43 are respectfully requested. For any questions on this amendment or the application, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's representative at the telephone number given below.

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